



BIOVERSITY INTERNATIONAL

KEY FACTS

Bioversity International (Bioversity for short) is a world leading research-for-development non-profit organization, working towards a world in which smallholder farming communities in developing countries are thriving and sustainable.

MAIN AREAS OF WORK. Bioversity investigates the use and conservation of biodiversity in agriculture in order to achieve better food and nutrition, improve poor smallholders' livelihoods and enhance agricultural sustainability. Headquartered in Rome we have regional and country offices in Asia, Africa and the Americas. Working in over 90 developing countries and with a range of partners, we develop critical evidence and knowledge in order to promote practices and shape policy for a food secure future.

ESTABLISHED. Bioversity was originally established as the International Board for Plant Genetic Resources (IBPGR) in 1974.

HISTORY. In October 1991, IBPGR became the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI) and in 1994 IPGRI began independent operation as one of the centers of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), the global partnership that unites organizations engaged in research for sustainable development with the funders of this work. At the request of the CGIAR, in 1994 IPGRI also took over the governance and administration of the International Network for the Improvement of Banana and Plantain (INIBAP). In 2006 INIBAP and IPGRI began working under the name 'Bioversity International'. Bioversity is proud to remain a part of the CGIAR system.

In 2012 we launched an ambitious new strategy to: support smallholder farmers to use biodiversity (with the potential to benefit 320 million people in rural communities); and to conserve plant diversity and improve the availability of plant genetic resources so that the global community can use it to provide sustainable farming solutions. In the next five years alone, we expect to:

- » Show how the use of agricultural biodiversity can sustainably intensify production, reduce risks, and improve dietary diversity for poor smallholder farmers.
- » Show how through improved access to markets and marketing of foods and crops from biodiverse agricultural systems farmers can enhance their incomes.
- » Secure significant diversity of priority crops, their wild relatives and useful tree species, in key locations in developing countries.
- » Ensure at least 3 million accessions of the most important crops are made available to all online.
- » Increase the gene pool coverage of banana and plantain in gene banks by at least 20%.

ANNUAL INCOME (2011). \$36.852m

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE (2011). \$36.117m

LONG TERM RESERVES (2011). 100 days, \$9.8m

MAIN FUNDERS. Donors include more than 25 governments of both developing and developed countries, the World Bank, the European Union, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Environment Programme and major private philanthropic foundations, such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the McKnight Foundation, and the Christensen Fund.

NO. OF STAFF. Some 350 staff, operating around the world.



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COUNTRIES OF OPERATION

Angola	Georgia	Panama
Argentina	Ghana	Papua New Guinea
Armenia	Guadeloupe	Paraguay
Azerbaijan	Guatemala	Peru
Bangladesh	Guinea-Bissau	Philippines
Benin	Honduras	Puerto Rico
Bolivia	India	Russian Federation
Brazil	Indonesia	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Iran	Sao Tome and Principe
Burundi	Jordan	Senegal
Cambodia	Kazakhstan	Sierra Leone
Cameroon	Kenya	South Africa
Cape Verde	Korea, Republic of	Sri Lanka
Central African Republic	Kyrgyzstan	Sudan
Chad	Lebanon	Syrian Arab Republic
Chile	Liberia	Taiwan
China	Madagascar	Tajikistan
Colombia	Malawi	Tanzania
Congo	Malaysia	Thailand
Congo, Democratic Republic of	Mali	Togo
Costa Rica	Mauritania	Trinidad and Tobago
Cote d'Ivoire	Mauritius	Turkey
Cuba	Mexico	Turkmenistan
Dominican Republic	Moldova	Uganda
Ecuador	Morocco	Uruguay
Egypt	Mozambique	Uzbekistan
El Salvador	Myanmar	Venezuela
Equatorial Guinea	Nepal	Vietnam
Eritrea	Nicaragua	Yemen, Republic of
Ethiopia	Niger	Zambia
Fiji	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Gabon	Norway	



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